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BEIN SUMMARY: SECURITY SITUATION IN SULUS- MINDANAO
REMAINS LARGELY UNCHANGED IN PAST TWO WEEKS. LEVEL OF
FIGHTING IS DOWN SOMEWHAT, BUT VIOLENCE HAS CROPPED
UP IN NEW AREA. WHILE CONTINUING USE OF MILITARY
FORCE, GOP ALSO PROCEEDING APACE WITH ATTEMPTS TO DEVELOP
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ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEM. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT STEPS TOWARDS DISCUSSION OF SITUATION AMONG PHILIPPINES, MALAYSIA AND INDONESIA HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THAT GOP MAY BE WILLING TO DROP SABAH CLAIM IN NEGOTIATING WITH GOM. FON AFF SEC ROMULO HAS PUBLICLY DEFENDED GOP POLICY TOWARDS MUSLIM MINORITY IN ANSWERING STATEMENT BY PAKISTANI PRESIDENT BHUTTO. ROMULO NOTED THAT PHIL SOVEREIGNTY IS VIOLATED BY EXTERNAL AID REBELS HAVE RECEIVED AND QUOTED STATEMENT BY LIBYAN COL. KHADAFFI OF ARMED SUPPORT OF LIBYAN PEOPLE FOR STRUGGLE OF PHIL MUSLIMS. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING PERIOFAITH.

UPON RECEIPT FUNDS, YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. ESTIMATE MINIMUM FIVE DAYS REQUIRED FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO COMPLETE LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS. AS SOON AS AVAILABLE, SHIPMENT DATA WILL BE TELEGRAPHED TO FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT. UPON COMPLETION ALL FORMALITIES, COPY OF REPORT OF DEATH TO BE PREPARED BY CONSULATE WILL BE SENT YOU.

PLEASE ACCEPT OUR SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.

AMERICAN CONSULATE
SEVILLE, SPAIN

CUTTER

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8. ROMULO'S STATEMENT ASSERTED THAT GOP POLICY IS TO GIVE MUSLIM CITIZENS FULL AND EQUAL STATUS, AND TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF MUSLIM AREAS OF PHILS. HE DECLARED THAT PRESIDENT MARCOS IS SEEKING A DIALOGUE WITH MUSLIM LEADERS IN ORDER PLAN LARGE SPECIAL INVESTMENTS IN MINDANAO AND SULU AND TO MAKE SPECIAL CONCESSIONS TO MUSLIM MINORITY.

9. HOWEVER, ROMULO NOTED THAT SOVEREIGNTY AND INTEGRITY OF PHILS IS VIOLATED BY AID WHICH FOREIGN COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN GIVEN MUSLIM INSURGENTS. IN THIS CONNECTION, ROMULO CITED EXTRACTS FROM SPEECH ALLEGEDLY DELIVERED IN TRIPOLI BY LIBYA'S COL. KHADAFFI ON JUNE 11, 1972. HE QUOTED KHADAFFI AS SAYING: " THE PEOPLE OF THE LIBYAN/ ARAB REPUBLIC ARE NOW FIGHTING FOR THE SAKE OF FOUR MILLION MUSLIMS IN THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES". HE
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ALSO ATTRIBUTED TO KHADAFFI REFERENCES TO " THE WAR OF ANNIHILATION IN THE PHILIPPINES" AND STATEMENT THAT LIBYANS ARE COMMITTED TO STAND WITH MUSLIMS.

10. ROMULO'S STATEMENT CONCLUDED WITH ASSURANCES TO PAKISTAN THAT PHIL GOVT INTENTION IS TO USE ALL PEACEFUL MEANS TO END THE CONFLICT AND TO GIVE PHIL- MUSLIM POPULATION BENEFITS TO WHICH THEY ARE ENTITLED BY BIRTH AND CITIZENSHIP.

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